

Private.

Leicester,
May 5/42.

dear friend Garrison,

21 I hardly dare to expect that you
can come here at this busy time, ^{with} all that
you constantly have on hand besides; - but
I wish it might be so. It is the last
chance, absolutely, for us to look over
together the "anti-slavery portion" of our
dear S. J. M.'s ^{memoir} ~~life~~, - which has just
been put into my hands; and I am
exceeding loth to let it go again without
your seeing it, & our conferring together
about it. Up to Thursday of this week
(May 9th) I am expecting our house will
be pretty full, ~~at~~ a family with children;
- but, after that, we are to be quite alone.
I wish it were possible you could come on
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or even Monday. If
you could come say on Saturday ^{next}, and
pass Sunday with us, it would be (for us)
"just the thing". How I wish Mr. Garrison
could come too.

Please say nothing of the object of your
visit - i.e. the special reason for coming
now - nor of my having ^{here} any part in
the Memoir in question.

Of course I read your Mss.,
which Miss Dow ~~gave~~ kindly brought
to me some weeks since, without any
loss of time. But the whole matter
of the Memoir having then passed out
of my hands, so far as my share of its
preparation was concerned, I could
not then make any use of it as a
portion of said Memoir. ~~When~~ It
becomes a question, whether any part
of it can be so used ^{now}? or, whether we
will reserve it for a use which I
will mention to you ^{when I see you} ~~at another time~~?

With sincere regards to all

Yr. family, Very truly Yrs
Saml. May.



